## **CHAPTER NO. 87**

## **SENATE BILL NO. 160**

## By Henry, Harper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 649

By Harwell, Sherry Jones, West

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-601, relative to voting by full-time residents of licensed nursing homes, homes for the aged or similar institutions providing relatively permanent domiciliary care, other than penal institutions.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-601, is amended by deleting the last sentence in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

The procedure for voting in this section shall be the only method by which individuals may vote in an election if such individuals are full-time residents of any licensed nursing home, home for the aged or similar licensed institution providing relatively permanent domiciliary care, other than a penal institution. Nothing in this section shall in any manner be construed to prohibit an individual from voting during the early voting period at a location established for early voting, or otherwise voting in person on election day at either the commission office, in accordance with the provisions of §2-3-109(e), or the individual's polling place, if such an individual is a full-time resident in such home or institution and the individual is medically able to go to the commission office, the person's polling place, or a location established for early voting for the purpose of voting.

SECTION 2 This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 25, 1999** 

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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APPROVED this 12th day of April 1999

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